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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM AHERNE

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SON OF ODDS AND ENDS

1. SUNDAY AND LABOR DAY WERE RELATIVELY QUIET -- ALTHOUGH CBS REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT PAT MOYNIHAN TOOK A CREAM PIE FULL IN THE FACE AT AN ELECTION RALLY IN BROOKLYN YESTERDAY. RUMOR IN THIS BUILDING IS THAT A HIT SQUAD OF USUN EMPLOYEES DID IT.

2. ROY ATHERTON IS BACK FROM LEAVE AND WONDERS (1) WHAT WE WANT TO SAY IF B'NAI B'RITH RAISES AGAIN THE QUESTION OF THE SECRETARY SPEAKING TO THEM, NOW THAT HE WILL BE HERE ON THE EIGHTH (THE DATE WHEN HE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO APPEAR); AND (2) HOW WE WANT THE ORGANIZATION TO ANNOUNCE WHY ATHERTON IS THERE RATHER THAN THE SECRETARY (YOU WILL RECALL THAT THEY ISSUED PRINTED INVITATIONS SAYING THE SECRETARY WOULD SPEAK). I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER ANY OF THIS WAS COVERED IN YOUR MEETING WITH BLUMBERG
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LAST THURSDAY; WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE YOU CAN OFFER.

3. RE MCGOVERN'S DAUGHTER GOING TO CUBA: WE WOULD CLEARLY BE DOING MORE FOR HER IN VALIDATING HER PASSPORT THAT WE WOULD DO FOR THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN Q. PUBLIC. BUT MCCLOSKEY

AND SHLAUDEMAN POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE BEEN GENERALLY WILLING TO VALIDATE PASSPORTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER AND STAFF TRAVEL TO CUBA, AND THEY REITERATE THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO YOU THAT WE DO SO FOR MS. MCGOVERN. TIME HAS BECOME THE MAJOR ISSUE ON THIS ONE: MCGOVERN IS DUE TO LEAVE SEPTEMBER 8, AND NO ANSWER IS NOW PROBABLY WORSE THAN A NEGATIVE ONE.

4. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE TEXTS OF VARIOUS RADIO-TV PIECES ON THE TALKS WITH VORSTER. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT THE MOOD AND TONE OF THE COVERAGE HAS BEEN, PERHAPS MORE THAN THE WRITTEN WORD CONVEYS, VERY POSITIVE, WITH A NOTABLE LACK OF TENDENTIOUS VIDEO EDITING, AND LITTLE OF THE SNIPING WE HAVE SEEN IN SOME OF THE PRINT MEDIA. VALERIANI IN PARTICULAR DID A SUPERB JOB FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING NETWORK NEWS -- ALTHOUGH HIS CAMERA CREW AT ONE POINT FOCUSED ON YOU, AT THE DINNER TABLE, LAUGHING UPROARIOUSLY ABOUT SOMETHING OR ANOTHER.

5. ANY SIGN OF A CHANGE IN SIGNAL WITH REGARD TO THE JESSE JACKSON FUNCTION AT THE END OF THE MONTH? ROBINSON

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